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AMENDMENT

Sir:

As indicated in the specification and claims of the above patent in the form specified in 37 CFR §1.173, the specification and claims have been amended. Attached to this amendment is a copy of newly added Fig. 20, highlighted in red. The specific features which are the subject of the amendment to the above identified patent are identified in the Reissue Petition, Declaration and Power of Attorney. As pointed out therein, certain features which had been described in parent patent 5,653,643 were incorporated by reference in the above identified

patent. The amendments to the above identified patent now recite some of those features and corresponding claims have been added generally directed to those features. In addition, the specification of the above identified patent has been amended to describe an illustrated feature which had not been described in words. Claims have also been added directed to that feature.

Col. 2, at lines 28-31 of the above identified patent refer to parent patent 5,653,643 in terms of its application Serial No. 560,699. That portion of col. 2, then expressly states "All of the details of that application are incorporated herein by reference thereto." Accordingly, by so referring to the parent patent amendments based upon details in the parent patent do not constitute new matter.

Figure 20 has been added to the present application. Figure 20 corresponds to Figure 8 of the parent patent. The specification of the above identified patent has been amended in col. 2 and in col. 5 to refer to newly added Figure 20 and to the use of the vibration absorbing material in tape form. Support for these amendments is found in the parent patent at column 2, lines 1-3 and at column 3, lines 28-35. Claims 28-34 are generally directed to those features.

The specification of the above identified patent has been amended at col. 5, to refer to the feature of "providing the vibration absorbing material as a filler within the hollow core of the shaft. This could be in addition to or instead of using the material as a grip." Support for this feature is found in the parent patent at col. 6, lines 3-7. Claims 35-39 are generally directed to that feature.

The specification of the above identified patent has been amended in col. 5, to refer to "The material can also be applied to putters, hockey sticks, shoulder pads, etc." Support for that feature is found at col. 6, lines 14-16 of the parent patent. Claims 40-42 are generally directed to that feature particularly with regard to applying the material to pads, such as shoulder pads.

The specification of the above identified patent has been amended at col. 5 to expressly describe what is illustrated in various figures of the above identified patent with regard to the combined vibration absorbing material and the inner core tapering in diameter from one end to the other. Support is found in Figs. 8, 11 and 16-19 and their corresponding description. Claims 43-46 are generally directed to that feature.

Some of the above features were carried forward from the parent patent which included Carmen DiMario as a co-inventor along with applicants Falone and Wyerman. Since Dr. DiMario is a co-inventor of features now being claimed in the present reissue application, he has been added as a co-applicant to correctly list all inventors.

Since the above amendments do not involve new matter, the entry of these amendments is respectfully solicited. It is further respectfully submitted that the above identified patent should be reissued with those amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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